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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN REACTION TO CHANGE IN LIBYA

1. LOCAL PRESS SINCE APRIL 7 HAS CONTINUED GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO FOREIGN PRESS COMMENTARY ON RECENT CHANGE IN LIBYA. HOWEVER, TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT IN TUNISIAN PRESS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO CARRIED STATEMENTS BY LIBYAN MIN INFO AND MIN PETROLEUM THAT CHANGE IN

NO WAY AFFECTS QADHAFI'S POSITION AS CHIEF OF STATE AND HEAD OF RCC.

2. SEC STATE OF FON MIN ABDELAOIZ HAMZAOU IN RESPONSE MY QUERY SAID PEOPLE WHO ARE PREDICTING QADHAFI ON WAY OUT ARE ENGAGING IN WISHFUL THINKING. WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT CHANGE HAD COME AT QADHAFI'S INITIATIVE OR AT INITIATIVE OF RCC, HE SAID IT WAS PROBABLY "FIFTY-FIFTY."

3. COMMENT: GOT MAY BE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY APPARENT QADHAFI MOVE MORE INTO BACKGROUND BUT THEY
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UPLIKELY LET GUARD DROP IN RELATIONS WITH LIBYA ON

BASIS OF THIS CHANGE.

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